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*Report from Rotterdam.*

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *March 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions at this station for the week ended March 10, 1900: Twelve vessels were inspected and received bills of health. The steamship *Werkendam*, sailing on the 7th instant, carried both passengers and freight. She carried 13 cabin and 211 steerage passengers. One hundred and four pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled and 35 pieces of baggage were disinfected and labeled. Five hundred and seventeen bales of disinfected rags were shipped to the United States from this port during the week. The health of the port and city continues good.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Plague at Manila.*

QUARANTINE STATION,

*Angel Island, Cal., March 23, 1900.*

Following telegram just received:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA,  
*San Francisco, Cal., March 23, 1900.*

*Dr. Kinyoun, Angel Island, Cal.:*

Dr. Brown, board of health, Manila, writes, February 13: There have been over 100 cases of plague with 90 per cent of deaths. Not spreading much, only 1 instance of second case in same house. He has a force of 132 natives and Chinese making house-to-house inspection, disinfecting and burning everything except the buildings.—FORWOOD, *Chief Surgeon, U. S. Army.*

KINYOUN,

*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *March 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended March 10, 1900. Also mortality statistics for the two weeks ended the same date. Typhoid fever is prevalent and seems to be increasing. The board of health burned a small shack as being the only practical means of disinfection. A rumor of 12 cases of yellow fever in Ponce was investigated, but found to be absolutely false. Such rumors are common here. Shipping has been heavy, but nothing of special interest occurred.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) for the two weeks ended March 10, 1900.*

Infectious diseases—	Deaths.
Tuberculosis.....	13
Malarial fever .....	9
Tetanus .....	3
Erysipelas.....	2
Dysentery.....	2
Measles .....	1
Typhoid fever.....	1
Diphtheria.....	1
Diseases of the digestive apparatus.....	29
Diseases of the circulatory system.....	2
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	3
Diseases of the nervous system.....	0
Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.).....	31
Total.....	97
Births in the same period.....	49

*Report from San Juan.*

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *March 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit consolidated report of the operations of the Service at this station and the 5 subports of the island for the month of February, 1900.

During the month there were 77 births and 89 deaths reported. For the same month of 1899 there were 71 births and 78 deaths. The usual list of the causes of deaths for the month is herewith inclosed.

Forty-nine vessels were inspected during the month, two of which were held in quarantine, viz, the Spanish steamer *Cataluna*, which arrived from Havana on February 3, and the United States transport *Kilpatrick*, also from Havana, which arrived on February 27. The former transacted business in quarantine and departed in the afternoon of the same day. Five nonimmune local passengers were held in detention at the Miraflores station to complete the five days' period. The *Kilpatrick* was placed in quarantine to complete the five days' period of observation from Havana, after which she was allowed to go alongside of the quartermaster's wharf, where she loaded mules for New York.

During the month 68 pieces of baggage were disinfected, 16 pieces from the *Cataluna*, 2 pieces from the *Kilpatrick*, and 50 pieces from the *San Agustin* which arrived on February 21, from Havana via South and Central American ports.

Vaccination certificates are still being issued and viséed for persons leaving on the transports. A thorough inspection of all passengers and baggage from Spanish ports is being made. The health of this city and vicinity continues fair, and there are no infectious diseases.

A few minor improvements have been added to the Miraflores station during the past few weeks. The formaldehyd gas disinfecting room has been fitted up with 24 compartments, each large enough to hold the contents of a trunk, and so arranged that the clothing can be hung up and all surfaces exposed to the gas. A rough frame dining room and a shed kitchen have also been constructed for the use of the hospital camp. Electric bells have been installed in the detention building.

A ship's bell has been purchased for the station, so that the time of day can be indicated, and also for use as a fire alarm. Galvanized iron fire buckets have also been provided to guard against fire. A small